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"Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said--"EMPRESS"



Board of Trade Meeting

A good number of citizens were present at the Board of Trade meeting held on Monday, December 2, in the schoolhouse.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed, several new members were enrolled.

Mr. G. R. M. Stritzel brought up the matter of approaching the Dom. Government re the location of an experimental farm in this vicinity. This matter it appears, is also being taken up by branches of the U.F.A. as well. Mr. Stritzel was appointed a committee to interview the village council to obtain their help in this matter.

The matter of petitioning the C.P.R. that the weekly local

train from the west make a longer stop here before returning to Bassano, so that farmers from intermediate points have time to make any purchases they may require was brought forward by Mr. E. Leonard, and was moved and seconded.

A suggestion of holding a banquet was then put forward by Mr. Blodgett. The suggestion was well received. It was resolved that the board hold a banquet on the date set aside for the election of officers, after election shall have taken place. Tickets for this purpose are to be sold at 50c each. Messrs. M. A. Blodgett, R. M. Henderson and E. G. Campbell were appointed to make arrangements for the holding of a banquet.

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The following is a facsimile of the official post card issued to the troops now at the front. The sentences not necessary are crossed out by the sender. The card from which this was taken had all the sentences crossed through except the words, "I am quite well." The only writing being the date and signature of the sender.

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LOLL

NCE again we are in the midst of Christmas festivities. Christmas means Christmas. Tradition says that Christmas was first observed in the year 98 A.D. and was ordered to be held as a solemn feast in 137 A.D. by Pope Telesphorus, but it is not known who celebrated it, or where, or how. The inscription also upon the tombs give us evidence of the observance of Christmas during the first century.

The word brings to us a host of memories. It is replete with the fragrance of the Christmas tree and the mistletoe. It presents pictures of brilliant store windows; of interchange of gifts and greetings; of jingling bells and hanging stockings; of child fanes of Santa and sleighs and reindeer. Even in the far north, where ice and snow are eternal, the inhabitants celebrate this season. When Nansen made his first trip across Greenland he found the Greenlanders preparing for Christmas. In his book written on that trip, entitled "The first crossing of Greenland," he gives us a chapter describing the festival. The tradition of Christmas is also very old. The word is derived from the custom of the Romans, who made it a day for merry-making. The word is also found in the early Christians made gifts to their children on Christmas. The word is also found in the early Christians made gifts to their children on Christmas. The word is also found in the early Christians made gifts to their children on Christmas.

The story says that St. Nicholas never failed to put a gift in the stockings which were hung for him, thereafter, whenever a daughter of the house was to be married. The child always loved the pretend stories. Sometimes we hear people asking if a child should be allowed to believe that a myth is an actuality. But to do other would be to take from home that great world of poetry, in which we all delight to revel. And after all, is there not a real Santa Claus. The most real things are those which are not seen. There are in the world wonders that are unseen and unseeable. Only poetry, love, romance, fancy, and faith, ever push aside the curtain and view the supreme glory beyond. We are but allowing the child, who waits for Santa, to believe that there is a kindness and a love somewhere which is never offended, never wanting, never negligent; a belief which we are always trying to justify as we attempt to know the heart of humanity.

There are many, however, to whom the words "good cheer" will come with bitterest irony. To whom "Merry Christmas" will sound hypocrisy. Even though we in Canada are not at war, we have given many of our finest men to the armies of the Empire. And many a home will have a vacant chair this sea-

son. Our minds are filled with images of woe and it seems impossible to take our thoughts from the war for any length of time. Nevertheless, one of the immediate effects of the war, so we trust, will be to lead us to a more genuine conception of the Christmas message of Peace and Goodwill, in place of suspicion and massacre. A great war has already made petty struggles useless and silly. At home, surely, we shall become a community where kindly toleration and brotherhood shall be the characteristic of every individual, so that we become a dignified and generous people. We from our midst that which has characterized a modern life generally. Shutting our hearts against people who have shut their hearts against ours, because we think they do not care for us. Let every family stay their tongues against their neighbors, think of each other, as well as our own, try to smile where we can, and say "Merry Christmas to all."

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War Summary

War news of the past week is practically confined to rumors, following on the bombardment of the English coast by a fleet of German cruisers. Various reports are current re the sinking of one or more of these boats, as also the sinking of the German cruiser Dresden. The British war office and admiralty are remaining very silent. Contradictory reports are also current regarding the fighting in Poland, the Russians however, claim German statements to be false and regard their position as favorable. The French claim to have made progress at several parts of their line. King George has proclaimed Sunday, January 3, as a day of "humble prayer" on behalf of the mighty God on behalf of the cause undertaken by our Empire and over allies.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 25th, 1914

Rural Municipality of Acadia, No. 241

Regular meeting of the council of R. M. Acadia, was held in the hall on Monday, Dec. 7th, with Reeve Chapple and Councilors Francis, Galusha and Mills present.

First order of business to be taken up was fence in blind line road between sections 27 and 34, tp. 25, r. 3.

The Council, after hearing Mr. E. C. Hallman's side of the case, decided to place the matter before the Minister of Municipal Affairs for a decision.

The following were paid:
 W. J. Nickel, plow share, \$4; Wolf bounty certificates endorsed to order of the sections, \$24; H. N. Miller, livery hire, \$10; News Pub. Co., stationery, forms, etc., \$79.50; Jno. Hall, salary weed inspector, \$20; Alex. Noakes, salary, auditor, \$12; Acadia postmaster, stamps, \$8.00; B. R. Davidson, plow, \$24; J. W. Blood, wages, road foreman, \$53.50; Haled, "Sun. Tel.", \$88; P. B. Ostrum, coun. fees, \$10; M. J. Chapple, \$10.00; G. Mills coun. fees, \$10; R. L. Galusha, coun. fees, \$10; H. T. Francis, coun. fees, \$10.80; Bank of Toronto, on note due Dec. 21, \$428.16.

Pay sheet No. 2 was accepted as correct and amounts as shown to be credited against their taxes. The following to be paid as soon as the Reeve and Treas. make necessary arrangements at the bank: Bonnie Brier School District, on estimate, \$100; Grandinle S. D. on estimate, \$180; Carlyle S. D. on estimate, \$150.

The following were filed:
 Canada Import Iron Culvert Co., memo of act, \$67.90; Sectionary meeting, re the Council taking further steps to bring about the annexation to the municipality of tps. 22 and 23 in range 2 and 3; Deputy Minister re resolution submitted to him at last meeting; Deputy Minister, re amendment to Rural Municipality Act; Director of Surveys, re diversion from road allowance, tp. 23, r. 1; Chairman Hall Insurance Board, re one of the board addressing the Council on Hall Insurance.

The last meeting of the old Council will be held in the hall on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1915.

D. M. Graham, sec.-treas.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

All Christmas goods at cost at Brown's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mason left for their home at Indian Head, on Tuesday's train.

Mr. H. P. Gregg and wife are expected to leave for Winnipeg to-day.

We are pleased to report that Mr. W. Thomson has now recovered from his illness of the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dennis left on Saturday for Ottawa, Ont. for the purpose of visiting the aged mother of Mr. Dennis. They took train to Swift Current, from which point the rest of the journey to Ottawa was completed in private car.

A good account is expected of the hockey boys in their game with Castle Combe here on Christmas day. Our manager says we don't know what our opponents are capable of, but thinks they will have to play good hockey if they are to beat the boys.

Mrs. Wm. Engelbrecht, who left for Regina last week, has been admitted to the hospital there and Saturday morning, December 19, underwent an operation which was regarded as serious, but are pleased to say that hopes are of the best for the patient's recovery.

In order to celebrate the occasion of their first Christmas here in the most up-to-date way, the management of the Empress Hotel, will serve on this day what should certainly prove a most sumptuous dinner fare if one may judge by the published menu. Certain it is that the management intend to take no back seat, and the dinner will vie with any provided on this special day by our most up-to-date city hotels. The management are to be congratulated on the progressive and social spirit which they have shown since the opening of the hotel.

A Close Call

On Tuesday of last week, "Cooley," the highly-prized watch dog belonging to Mr. Walter Brewster, of Glenavon came very near meeting an untimely death. Just at dusk, while returning with its master from a stroll over the prairies, it fell headlong into a fifteen foot well, which was covered with just enough snow to make the excavation unnoticeable. The well contained considerable water and the poor animal would certainly have met his fate in a very short time, had it not been for the prompt action of Mr. Brewster in rounding up the rope and ladder brigade, which soon had the dog in warm quarters, where the application of a few hot fomentations, brought him back to his normal state again.

Reception

Last Sunday, December 20, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pawlak entertained a small circle of close friends in honor of Miss Gertrude, who celebrated her tenth anniversary. At about 2 p.m. o'clock, when all the guests were present, they were ushered into the dining room, where there was plenty to appease the most hungry of appetites. The table was decorated in a style most appropriate to meet the occasion, and when the party adjourned everyone was most highly pleased by the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained.

INFORMATION WANTED
 as to the ownership of 1 cow, horse, cream can and tail, poor condition, hobbled weight about 500 or 550 lbs. Brand not known, ring around 34-25-25, seen December 17. Information required by Corporal F. Coffey, Empress.

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Leaders from Leland

December 15th, 1914
Geo. Robson, of Empress, spent Sunday with Leland people returning Monday morning

The Sunday School choir meets with Miss Insley this week.

Mr. Jas. Morrison arrived at Bindloss last week and will spend the week here on his homestead.

Bert Leeper, of Social Plains, has been hauling hay from Bindloss for a few days. This happened to be the first shipment of freight to Bindloss.

A dance was given at the home of Mr. McLeod, Tuesday night. A large number were present, the music was good, and all report a delightful time.

Owing to our inability to get the items into the office in time for publication, each week, it may seem that we are reporting news which is "stale." However, if the readers will refer to the date of writing it will help to straighten matters out.

We believe, that writing up the happenings of the neighborhood, so long as it cannot offend or insult anyone will give interest to, and get others interested in the Leland district. Therefore, we ask that the readers will endeavor to "take it the right way." And we will comply more or less strictly to the following end, "Mail it in As News."

"If Johnnie Smith was seen a-standing in the stable door, or if wee Willie Win telling has lost a tooth or more, Or if a cousin found some money lying on the floor, Then mail it in as "news."

If Hans was heard a-telling Lena thru the telephone, That Billie Simpson's old bay horse has turned to rusty roan Or that his copper weathercock had somehow started crowin', Then send it in as "news."

If Fritz Koslofeingler's limmer, Monday went to town, Or if Nick Speth has painted up his chicken coop in brown,

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And the winds of the winter blow--
When night and the moon are clear and cold,
And the stars shine on the snow,
Or wild is the blast and the bitter sleet
That beats on the window pane;
But blest on the frosty hills are the feet
Of the Christmas time again!

Peace

PEACE was the message of the Christ--
[Child's birth;
Peace and good-will to all men upon earth.
Nearly two thousand years, still man forsakes
Peace for fierce warfare, sword of strife
[retakes.

Yet there, afar, beyond the battle's press,
Gleams the white dove of peace, all tenderness
If by their sacrifice be Peace restored,
Not vainly has our heroes' blood been poured,

So that the message of the Christ-Child's
[birth--
Peace and good-will to all men upon earth--
No idealistic dream be proved at last,
But based on truth and justice, firm and fast,

EDITH DARY.

Our Christmas Message

ANOTHER year has nearly ended, and again it is Christmastide. Let us peer through the windows of Memory across the Past, since first we bowed our backs to win by Labor a Home where Love and Joy could smile beside the hearth. Let us give thanks for these gifts: bread and raiment, fire and a roof-tree that covers our little world. Even so, this Christmas season may our hearts be young, may Peace dwell in every home. Time may have brought to us divers gifts--tears and sorrow, peace and plenty. Through all our memories let us not forget how, nineteen hundred and fourteen years ago, this Christmas night, a little Babe lay by his mother in a manger in Bethlehem, very weak and infinitely lovable. His message--Love, Peace and Goodwill--comes down to us through the centuries. May it abide with each one of our readers this Christmastide; may each home be alight with the spirit of Christmas--Love, Joy, Peace, Thankfulness.

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payers is called to the fact that
a penalty of 5% is added to all
unpaid taxes at the end of the
year, and that the tax enforce-
ment return will be immedi-
ately proceeded with.Union Church Service, Sun-
day next, Grand Theatre, 7.30.
Usual music. Subject, "Car-
penter, Politician, Gaffer, Fail-
ure or What to Resolve." Ev-
erybody invited. Come and
spend a pleasant hour.We regret to learn that the
Rev. Father Russell came to
grief returning to Alaska from
his last visit here. It is an-
nounced that both his feet were
frozen and are in danger of
necessity of amputation.Dr. Russell, of Medicine Hat,
was a visitor to town this week.
His presence was a most wel-
come one, owing to some of
our citizens being very sick.
Dr. J. C. Eger, is at present
absent from town attending
his father who was taken sud-
denly ill, but is now reported
to be regaining his health.A friend of Mr. H. C. Rogers
has received a letter from him
in which he states, "that he has
been on a trip to Vancouver,
but has now returned to his
home at Peterborough, Ont." Friends
will be pleased to learn that
he is expecting to obtain a
lieutenancy in an engineering
corp with the second Canadian
contingent.The Christmas Tree enter-
tainment will commence at 7.00
p.m. All are invited to attend.
To defray the expenses of the
hall, a small charge of fifteen
cents for adults will be made.
A large number of items have
been prepared by the children,
and an enjoyable night may be
looked for. Come and help
make a good time for the kid-
dies. It is asked that the men
will help at two o'clock to put
up the Christmas tree in the
theatre.All Christmas goods at cost
at Brown's drug store.Mr. Geo. Simpson who has
been in charge of the steam-
firing gang at the C.P.R. round
house here, left this week for
a point north of Edmonton,
on the C.N.R. where he will
oversee the installation of a
steam heating plant in the
round house there. Mr. Simp-
son expects to be back again
in the course of a few weeks
for the completion of his work
here. Mr. Simpson was accom-
panied by his wife.The closing exercises of the
school took place on Wednesday
afternoon. A very interesting
afternoon was spent among the
young folks. A program of
readings and songs was ren-
dered in which nearly all the
pupils took part. The aptest
of the children was very strik-
ing, and speaks very highly
for their ability, and for the
work of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mac-
Donald. The national anthem
was sung in conclusion.The first contest of the Go-
Ahead Club proved to be quite
a success. A good audience at-
tended, the schoolhouse being
crowded, and all who attended
spoke in glowing terms of the
accomplishments of the artists.
The affirmative won in the
debate. "Proposed that it is better
to live in the town than in the
country." Absolute regularity
of debate was kept, and the
speakers manifested little self-
consciousness. The songs were
rendered in most pleasing man-
ner. The readers had chosenlong poem for recitation, which
imposed rather a too severe
memory strain, but they bid
fair to contribute creditably to
the final programme. The ad-
judicators for the contest were
—For debate—Mrs. D. McEach-
ern, Mrs. M. L. Higgins, Mrs.
R. MacDonald, Singing—Mr. F.
Handley, Mrs. C. E. Sexton,
Mrs. R. M. Henderson. Read-
ing—Mrs. D. McArthur, Mrs.
Trill and Mr. G. R. M. Stritzel.Mr. and Mrs. J. Cusack left
on Tuesday's train for Manor,
Sask.Advertisers are requested to
hand in their copy for change
of advt. not later than Satur-
day night, to enable us to pub-
lish next Thursday instead of
Friday.**The Men's Fraternal**Tuesday night's Fraternal
Society meeting secured a vic-
tory for the negative in debate
and it was concluded that until
science should yet bring forth
some further substitute
capital punishment must be re-
tained. A line of discussion
followed. The chairman then
called the meeting to order and
read a very appropriate ad-
dress from the members to the
Father of the Society, the Rev.
J. McNeil Waggett, B.A., at
the same time presenting him
with a small present, as a to-
ken of the deep regard and
high esteem and respect that
he has earned among them
since being here. It was per-
haps a very small way that the
members showed their admira-
tion for Mr. Waggett, but it
was none the less sincere, and
the society is proud to num-
ber among their members a
gentleman possessing his cap-
abilities and learning. A little
merriment followed the ad-
dress and presentation which
carried the hour to ten o'clock
when the members adjourned.
The meeting of next Tuesday
night will be open to ladies,
and the fair sex are extended
a hearty invitation.**Seizure of Personal Property**New Legislation Regarding
Seizure Under Chattel Mor-
tgage or LienImportant legislation has just
been promulgated by a special
issue of the Saskatchewan Ga-
zette, dated Nov. 19, 1914, for
the protection of all classes of
debtors, in so far as seizures
and sales under chattel mor-
tgages and lien agreements are
concerned. The proclamation
issued in October last on these
matters is repealed and new
legislation enacted.No personal property belong-
ing to a debtor or in his pos-
session by virtue of a condi-
tional sale, shall for a period of
six months from Dec. 1, 1914,
be seized or sold under chattel
mortgage or bill of sale intend-
ed to operate as a mortgage or
under such conditional sale un-
til the consent thereto of the
sheriff of the judicial district
wherein the property is situat-
ed has obtained.Every seizure shall be made
by the sheriff or person au-
thorized by him.The sheriff shall before sei-
zure, take into consideration all
the circumstances of the case,
and may withhold his approval;
or approve the seizure of a part
or the whole of the chattels as
he deems just, and his discre-
tion shall be absolute.Any other person, unautho-
rized, who shall make a seizure
under an instrument mentioned
in this proclamation is liable to
a heavy fine for the first offence
and imprisonment for all sub-
sequent offences.ONCE again with kindest feel-
ings we extend to you that age-
old, ever-new Yule-tide wish, a
Happy Christmas and a Prosperous
and Joyous New Year**B. L. Dawdy & Co.**

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	SWEET ENTREES	
	Charlotte Russe Omellette	
CANADIAN CHEESE	ROASTS	
	Roast Young Turkey and Cranberry Sauce	
	Domestic Duck and Apple Sauce	
	Sirloin Beef, Yorkshire Pudding	
	Young June Goose, Sage Dressing	
	VEGETABLES	
	Steamed and Mashed Ashcroft Potatoes	
	Baked Sweet Potatoes	
	French Peas	Asparagus Tips
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